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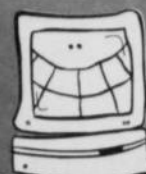
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## New ambulance service busy after opening



Lyle McKellar (left) and Shaune Plumb stand in front of one of the new ambulances that came with the new regionalized service. The Mountain View Regional Emergency Service responded to 20 calls in its first four days of operation.

by Richard Westlund

As of last Thursday the new regionalized ambulance service in the County of Mountain View was just four days old.

But it had been a busy four days as the new unit had already responded to 20 calls at that time.

Mountain View Regional Emergency Service Executive Director Lyle McKellar, a licensed paramedic, said the days since the takeover on Jan. 1 have been hectic but the new crew has risen to the challenge.

"On an operational level, patient care is being delivered. We are just trying to refine some things," he said noting procedures and billing as items being ironed out.

"We are finding small glitches and moving on them."

As the date for the take over of Mountain View Ambulance grew closer at the end of December, McKellar said he was a little worried the transition wouldn't be a smooth one. He said one of his concerns had to do with communications as a new 9-1-1 service for the area was introduced.

"It ended up being a very smooth transition," said McKellar. "I was worried about the communication aspect. Would we be dispatched properly through the 9-1-1 process?"

Also before the takeover occurred, McKellar wasn't exactly sure how the new service would be welcomed in the area. He was pleasantly surprised again.

"We have been received very positively by the municipality, residents and hospitals. I didn't expect it to the degree it is. I've worked in many different areas and have done set ups in many different places.

"I have to take my hat off to this community," he said.

Even before the new ambulance service had started to settle in at the county building and

at the hospital, where the ambulances are being housed, McKellar has been thinking of the goals the new service will try to accomplish in its first year of operation.

"We want to establish a very efficient ambulance operation at a very reasonable per capita rate. And then we want to try and maintain that rate."

As well as the new phone system, where the 9-1-1 calls are now sorted out in Red Deer and the local ambulances are dispatched from the STARS centre, there was another major change that was made from the old system that should cut down on the response times of the ambulances.

Mountain View Regional Emergency Service Paramedics will be working in 48 hour shifts, which are separated by four days off. While on duty, the paramedics will eat, sleep and basically live in quarters that have been set up at the hospital, where the ambulances have been housed. When they get the call it is a matter of getting into the ambulance and taking off towards the scene.

In the past paramedics would make the trip to the ambulance from their homes to the where the ambulances were being housed and then to where they were needed.

"If we are going to operate an Advanced Life Support System in the county it only made sense to make our response times shorter," said McKellar.

The paramedics that work with the regionalized program are a mix of employees that worked under the old contract with new ones that have come into the system. So far McKellar believes it has been a good mix.

"It creates a good blend," said McKellar, adding area familiarization hasn't been a real issue.

"The staff has been just excellent."

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## Seventh Farmer's Bonspiel now underway

by Richard Westlund

The seventh annual Farmer's Bonspiel has once again captured the attention and time of local farmers and business people alike as festivities were kicked off yesterday.

Over 100 curlers, representing 36 different rinks, will take to the ice throughout the week for some friendly competition.

And while there are some great prizes available from the 125 or so businesses that have stepped up to help with the event, the main reason for the bonspiel is to get local people together for some fun.

"It's to bring rural and urban people together in a fun, special event," said Harry Reese, who has organized the event for the past five years.

"There have been rinks getting together for the event annually for several years now. They enjoy getting together for the event."

Reese said many of the curlers at the event aren't really serious curlers but always seem to make time for the event every year.



Harry Reese

"And we have picked up some new (curlers) along the way," he said adding that while he enjoys organizing the tournament each year, he really like getting on the ice once the competition begins.

Curling will be held throughout this week starting at 10 a.m. with draws running to 8 p.m.

That means at times local businessmen are juggling their schedules so they can hit the ice. And while the sheets of ice at the Didsbury curling rink will be busy, it will also be fairly busy in the lounge that overlooks the sheets of ice. There

were times last year when it was standing room only.

Part of the reason the upstairs room gets busy are the meals during the day that sporadically interrupt the spectators bouts of watching the curling.

Breakfasts are served each morning and can be purchased for a buck. And dinner will be \$2.

On Friday night the sponsors of the tournament will have the opportunity to get together with the participants and there will be a banquet and dance on Saturday night after the championship games have concluded.

And 50/50 draws will be made daily.

To pull off a successful event of this nature every year takes a lot of effort from many different areas, said Reese. He said there are about 20 core volunteers who have done everything from canvassing for donations to helping out daily at the rink. And the sponsorship has been strong from year to year. Sponsorship is why the 'spiel is such a success.

"It is nice to see the community come together for it."

## Council passes capital recreation funding policy

By Chris Puglia

In response to an increasing number of capital funding requests from urban centres in Mountain View County, council has passed a policy in terms of funding capital projects for recreation.

The new policy will free up a maximum of \$50 per county resident in each recreation district.

The grant funding policy states that funds for capital projects will be taken from the Municipal Cash-in-Lieu Reserve, which currently has approximately \$400,000.

Under the policy that account can never be depleted to under \$100,000 and an initial \$25 per resident will be granted to a capital project. Further, up to an additional \$25 per resident will be granted assuming the recreation district can match funds. Which means for a recreation district to receive the full \$50 per capita in funding county residents will have to raise \$25 per capita in their district.

"The intent of the matching grant is to identify support and interest from the county residents," said County Commissioner Harold Johnsrude.

Also in order for the county to approve any fund for a capital project the dollar amounts must be matched by the municipality.

According to the new policy county recreation projects will be given priority over any urban request and in a case where

funds are not available and have already been approved the county will pay out on a pro-rata basis.

Under the funding structure a total of \$563,850 could be made available to the five urban centres in the county, based on the most recent county census data.

If the \$50 per capita maximum was distributed the funding breakdown would be as follows, on a per annum basis.

Carstairs: \$76,600; Cremona: \$95,050; Didsbury: \$119,650; Olds: \$138,700; Sundre: \$133,850.

County council had already approved the site work for the new Carstairs arena prior to the approval of the policy, however decided to include that project under the new funding guidelines.

Despite the fact that the cost of the site preparation may exceed the maximum grant allowance to Carstairs the County has decided that all the costs will be funded through the Municipal Cash-in-lieu Reserve.

## 2001 comes without incident

Once again Didsbury RCMP experienced a quiet night on New Year's Eve.

Traditionally in the past local residents have been able to ring in the New Year in a

controlled manner and the crossover into 2001 was no exception.

"There are no serious incidents to report," said Didsbury RCMP Sergeant Ron

Platz.

"And that's consistent with the past. People are pretty well behaved in the area and that has been consistent with past years."

### In the courts

## Drunk driver receives jail time

A B.C. man, who admitted driving drunk near Cremona last April, has been jailed.

Robert S. Engel, 36, pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on Jan. 3 to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80mg per cent.

The accused also pleaded guilty to charges of failing to appear in court and driving without a licence.

Engel was stopped after a police patrol vehicle noticed him swerving in the north-

bound lane of Hwy 22.

He has a previous drunk driving conviction from 1997.

Judge G.M. Meagher sentenced Engel to seven days in custody and fined him \$57.

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# Local firearm owners chose to turn in their guns

**Local MP Myron Thompson believes the Federal Government is achieving what it set out to do with the gun bill.**

by Richard Westlund

Instead of registering their guns many owners have decided instead to turn their weapons over to the RCMP.

The local Didsbury detachment has seen much local traffic coming through as owners are giving up their firearms rather than registering them.

"We have had an increase (of people dropping off their firearms)," said Sergeant Ron Platz of the Didsbury RCMP. "People don't want to take the time or the bother to register their firearms."

Platz said some firearm owners who chose not to register their guns don't want to be in violation of the law and are bringing their guns to the station to be destroyed.

As of Jan. 1 gun owners needed a Firearms Licence, while the date for registering the actual firearms is Jan. 1, 2003.

Enforcement of the law does include inspections. Inspections are strictly limited to businesses, collectors of restricted firearms, owners of prohibited firearms and owners of more than 10 firearms. Even then, an inspector may enter a home only on reasonable notice and with the owner's consent.

If permission is not granted, a warrant must be obtained from a Justice of the Peace, and reasonable grounds must be

***"It has cost a huge amount of money and it isn't going to prevent crime or suicides."***

**-Myron Thompson**

shown.

"We are not going to be knocking on doors," said Platz. "We will deal with each situation as it arises."

Wildrose Member of Parliament Myron Thompson said the new law makes criminals out of otherwise law-abiding citizens and the fact that people are bringing their firearms to be destroyed proves that.

"I think the government is accomplishing what it wanted to do," said Thompson. "They wanted to confiscate guns and people are giving them up. It's too bad we are living in a country that is coming to this."

Thompson said he believes law abiding citizens use their guns for hunting, tools and recreation. He added he doesn't believe criminals will register their guns or bring them into an RCMP detachment to be destroyed.

Thompson said the law is a lousy piece of legislation.

"It has cost a huge amount of money and it isn't going to prevent crime or suicides," said Thompson who said the Canadian Alliance party would have repealed the law if they were elected.

"It's law now. We are going to have to live with it."

Platz said the Didsbury RCMP is still taking guns. He advises those who want to drop off their firearms at night to call and make sure there is someone at the detachment to take them.

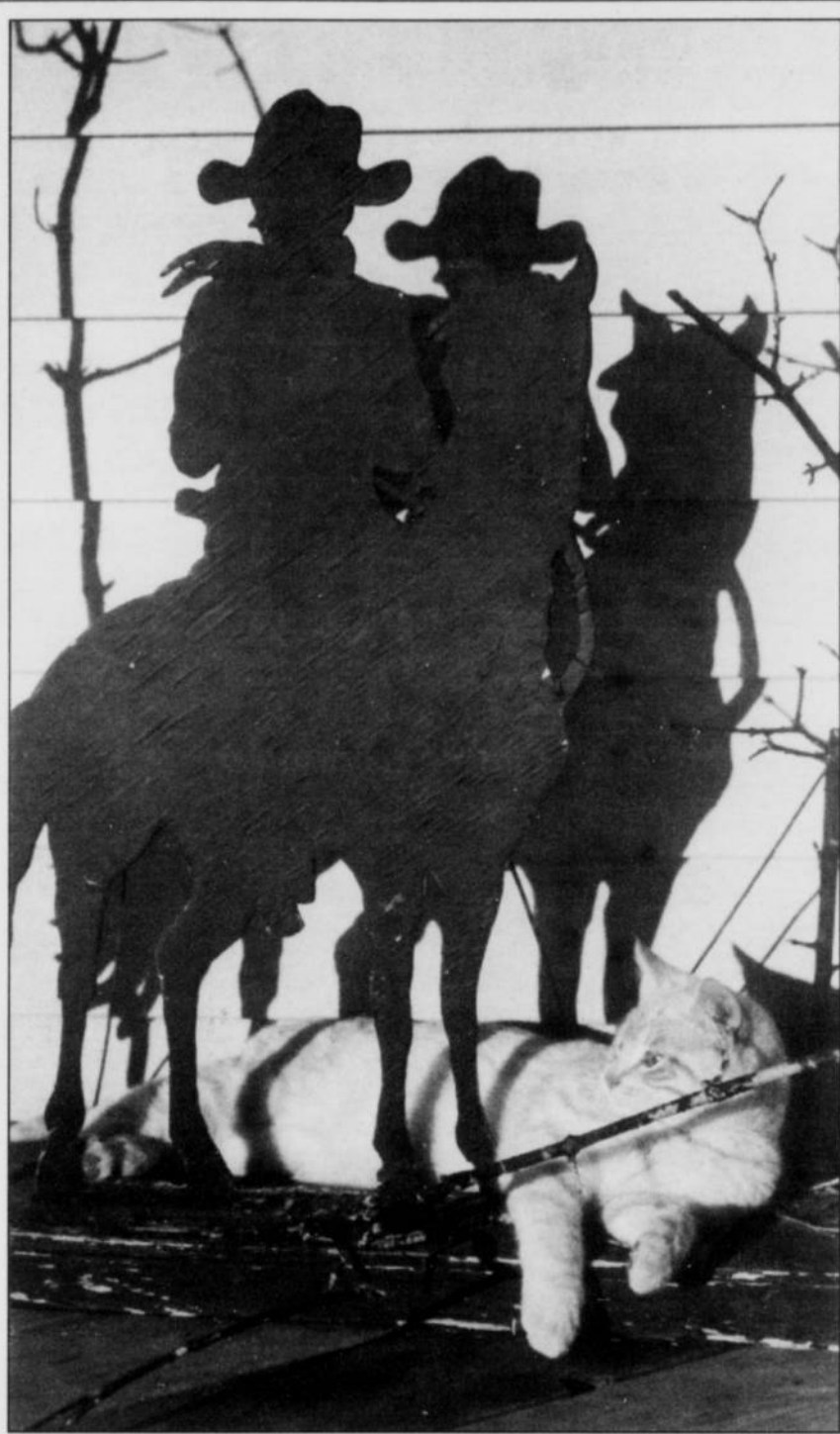


photo by Richard Westlund

## Cats meow weather ...

After some colder weather at the end of December, a barn cat at a farm just west of Didsbury takes some time to bask in the sun behind a cowboy silhouette. The mild weather was forecasted to last at least until the end of the week.

# Impaired Driving numbers down in December

by Richard Westlund

People seem to be smarter about not driving after they have been drinking suggests Didsbury RCMP Sergeant Ron Platz.

Just three charges of drinking and driving were made by the local detachment during the month of December despite trying to have a checkpoint set up every evening.

While the Didsbury RCMP detachment did not have specific numbers dating back to last year they were adamant that the number of charges

***"I think all of the campaigns are helping and people are becoming more educated."***

**- Ron Platz,  
Didsbury RCMP Sergeant**

laid had decreased.

"It appears more people are taking caution," said Platz. "I think all of the campaigns are helping and people are becoming more educated."

Platz also pointed to the new laws implemented about a year

ago, where drunk drivers have their licences revoked at the time of the incident.

"All of these features help."

The checkpoints, which were run through the month of December usually involved all of the working RCMP officers

on duty at night. That number usually ranged from two to four officers. Platz said having just one officer at the scene was inappropriate because of safety reasons.

Officers used a ALCO-SUR at the scene to determine if a driver had been drinking and then would bring offenders to the station for more extensive tests if warranted.

Checkpoint locations throughout December were also varied and covered Water Valley and Carstairs along with Didsbury.

The local RCMP received

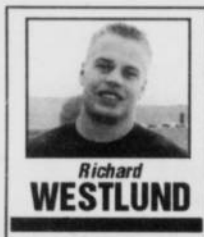
help from other detachments and sometimes Fish and Wildlife officers, if they were available.

While Platz said December is unusual as far as the number of checkpoints being set up, he said the RCMP tries to maintain a presence in the drinking and driving campaign throughout the year.

"Every police force tries to step it up for the month of December. For the rest of the year we do one whenever we can," said Platz, adding the standard goal is to do one a weekend.

# OPINIONS EDITORIAL

## Firearm fiasco



Richard  
WESTLUND

There are many problems with Canada's new gun registration law and they are starting to surface locally.

That became the case when the date changed over to 2001 last week as many local gun owners are handing in their weapons.

Instead of registering their firearms, many people are deciding to turn their weapons in to the police. They don't want to break the law, and this has become the rock and hard place situation they have been squeezed into.

The Didsbury detachment has seen an increase in the number of firearms that have come in since the legislation law has come into effect.

Law abiding citizens are giving up their firearms.

It is an easy realization that criminals are not going to register their weapons (the smart ones anyway) as they are needed to perpetrate a variety of crimes.

So that leaves us with the bad guys having guns and the good guys holding fewer.

Part of the reason the gun law has been enacted is because guns are misunderstood. While many would consider guns to be a weapon, I think it is also important to think of them as a tool, especially for farmers. Guns are a source of protection for the farmer who live many miles from an RCMP detachment. They are also used in some cases to rid pests from the farm (gophers, coyotes) and to put down sick animals.

And guns are also used in many reputable sporting activities. There are many local trapshooters in the area and biathlon is a sport which is practised all over the province and the country.

Another problem with the gun law is how it applies differently to different people. The gun law currently allows native children under the age of 12 to use guns without training or adult supervision. While the absence of law would put no restrictions on any facet of the gun owning communities despite age or creed, a division of Canadians is being set up when certain laws are applied to one facet and not the entire population.

And judging by response in the way of letters and editorials in our local daily newspapers, people no doubt are upset their rights are different than other peoples when it comes to this gun law.

And besides the cost and the general idea of registering the guns of Canada being the motivating factor for people not wanting to be involved with the registration process, the application form should raise a few eyebrows as well. Questions pertaining to past relationships should not be applicable to the gun registration law and merit on that item in most cases is irrelevant to owning a firearm.

But this law is something we are going to have to live with. The Federal Government has already spent too much money on this initiative to make any changes to the legislation. The Canadian voters re-elected the Cretien government and the Liberals do have a mandate to go ahead with this law.

Even if it is a lousy law.

## Did you know ...

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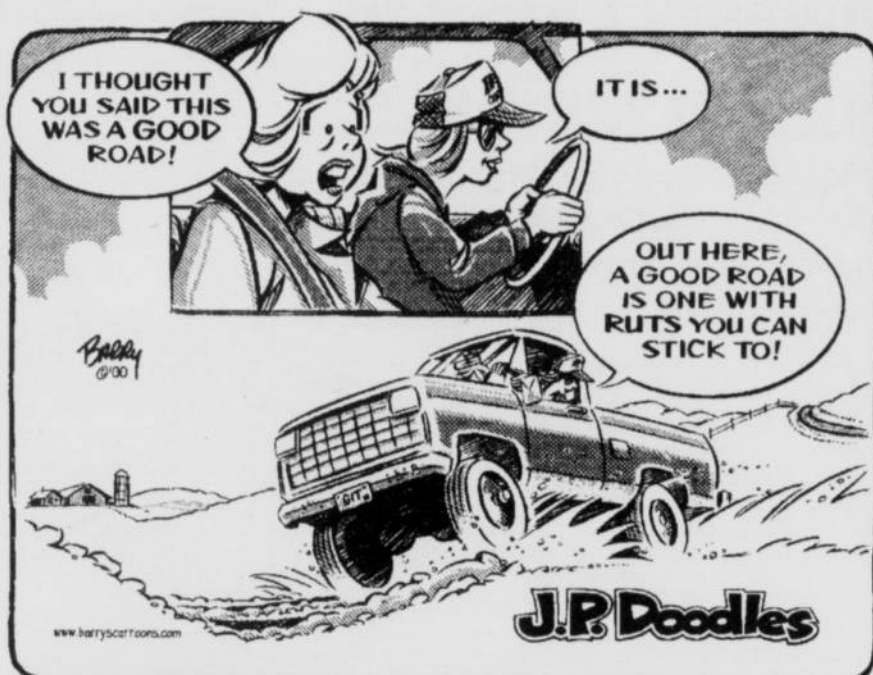
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## Letter to the Editor

### Reader wants consistant council

Dear Editor,

For several months - when possible - I attended the Wednesday sessions of the County Planning Department and the monthly County Council meetings. Particularly I was interested in the Direct Control regulations for the redesignated quarter at Highways 22 and 27. In addition, the array of topics and the manner with which councillors handle them was interesting and revealing. Consequently, I thought one final reflection about the topic of how the DC regulations were implemented is important to the people of our county.

Among other issues, the group of ratepayers with whom I have been working were particularly concerned that extensive agriculture not be allowed on the quarter after development. Now this seemed to be sensible since Councillors James, Davies, Ingerveld, and Penner voted for redesignation to industrial/commercial. Why would extensive agriculture be "deemed allowed?"

During council's discussion about this matter Councillor James, using all the wisdom of his past several years on council, stated that for the last seven months people had argued that this quarter is good agricultural land so why should it now not be

used for agricultural purposes. Councillor Davies quickly agreed. These are the very councillors who, for seven months, sided with industrial/commercial redesignation. Such turncoat selective wisdom has been guiding many of council's decisions. It should give us cause to wonder if we want this to continue.

The point, in my opinion, is that these councillors are inconsistent and possibly biased. The redesignation of the land was to locate small business on the quarter to avoid break-up of existing quarters. However, council has allowed case after case of subdivision (just look at the Mountain View News), which can, in the future, lead to small business development.

Right now council is considering the break-up of a quarter into four forty-acre parcels under the guise of intensive agriculture. How long will it take for a developer to grab a piece for redesignation to residential development?

Does council take responsibility for this possibility? No. The remark was made that this council cannot determine what future councils may do. Did they take the initiative to say that the quarter should stay intact to protect farming? Not yet. The only conclusion one can make is that protecting farm land is not important to this council.

Throughout the process of revising the DC regulations it has become evident that the present administration and management of the county appear to lack innovation, insight, concern and experience for future county needs involved in the impact that industrial/commercial expansion will have on our community. One cannot entirely blame the Mountain View

County Council for the rag tag manner in which much of the process involved in redesignation and regulation of the land in question. Administration and management failed to prepare the county for the unusual push for industrial development planned in the unreleased, yet infamous, Stantec Report. Administration and management are stuck in an antiquated, hierarchical system of handling people and business. Although these people listen they do not act.

A request was made for someone to assist ratepayers when they request information. An independent body. As yet, we know of no one who is assigned to advise. Other counties do this.

A request was made for a sound system to be used at county meetings so that people will understand the whisperers on council addressing the chair. As yet no change is evident.

Is it any wonder that people are reluctant to give the county a new building? The treatment of county administration, management and elected officials must deserve respect for such approbation.

Think about this situation. What we do with the 2001 fall election will direct our lives for many years. Do more than think. If you have never attended a Municipal Planning meeting or a County Council meeting take time on a Wednesday (meetings are held on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays) at 10:00 to see for yourself what is happening. It will be well worth your time and may improve your life.

Geraldine Wiper,  
Olds

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# FROM THE MAILBAG

## Trail systems are a waste of taxpayers money

### Dear Editor:

The National Post article from Nov. 2, 2000 best explains that there is an obvious difference between those who own property. Let us start with the premise made by Alberta Trail Net Director Linda Strong Watson. "Research shows trail development does not have a negative impact on rural landowners."

Firstly, I can dispute all research they have. I live beside the Catarqui Trail in Ontario. This trail has been open to snowmobiles for seven years and the last three years to hikers, bikers, and now is being opened to ATV's. They say property goes up in value. It does not. If you own a home in a beautiful setting but ski doos and ATV's go by your house at all hours, this does not make the value go up. In some circumstances in urban areas when the trail is strictly non-motorized the values go up. This trail, however, will be motorized. If the trail association truly believes this and will pay for an appraisal on my home with and without the trail, and I am wrong then I'll apologize. My appraisal in a casual conversation has said the value has gone down.

Secondly, the fences are an expense and time consuming. The Line Fences Act in Ontario clearly shows that the trail owner must pay 100% of the fencing. Here in my backyard the trail proponents accepted this condition. Now they lobby to change the law so they don't have to pay and make landowners take them to court at great expense. Any reasonable person can understand that the railway maintained fences and put them up and that farmers and landowners

rights should be adhered to. Why should landowners maintain fences for the trail? If there was no trail only 120 feet of extra fence would be needed; not miles of it at 10 or 15 dollars per linear foot. Land owners were promised they would have continued access across and on this trail. Many have been entirely cut off. Keys might of been provided but they were not provided. Why Not? The trail owner, the Catarqui Region Conservation Authority, is supposed to maintain fences and pay 100 percent of the costs. The authority refused to do anything for owners and forces them into taking court action for satisfaction. I think the authority knows most land owners can not afford to take court action and so it does not have to spend money. I think this is a simple stall tactic until the Catarqui Region Authority can lobby politicians to pass legislation to end the commitment to maintaining fences.

When the township has been questioned about any bylaws being ignored by the trail board, it has refused to answer. When the trail board has been questioned about the matters concerning the trail, it does not reply. Is no one accountable for this trail? Taxpayers money seems to be freely spent.

Thirdly, the trail people promised, shielding to quiet the noise from ski doos and ATV's, berms or solid fences needed to be put up to protect homes. These have been promised but there is no money. They have the trail. Land owners have the noise and privacy invasion. Money is the biggest issue. Here at my trail we were led to believe the trail would get all kinds of financial

support various sources. It failed to materialize. Really many things were promised and you will be promised them as well. However, getting them is doubtful unless the politicians have given millions of dollars to them ahead of time. Make sure trail people have the money first. For a trail like yours out west 10 million dollars would only be chicken feed.

There is no more money for the trail. Land owners are stuck with all the problems associated with a poorly maintained highway for off-road vehicles and no hope of them being resolved. One solution is accountability. In my opinion, trail board members operate as though the trail is their private corporation and domain. Well, it is not, and they must be accountable to the public. Creative accounting should not be acceptable. The trail board should consist of all elected politicians who can be held accountable and expelled from office if they are negligent. Land owners concerns should be dealt with, not ignored. Make the interest group honour the deals they make. The trail needs washrooms, speed limits signs, garbage collection, buffers and policing.

Fourthly, the safety issues. Bridges are the most expensive assets of a trail. Certainly, as a landowner, I think the politicians and trail board have failed me miserably. They promised to make the trail safe. Caffeys Lock bridge has still not been made safe. It is being used by adults and children. The 8-by-10 inch Keep Off sign is not a deterrent. Someone is going to get hurt.

Trails are no legacy to future generations and have no redeeming value

unless you enjoy noise and high levels of air pollution. They should not be supported by the taxpayer. Ruin your own property if you want

but don't make me pay for you to ruin mine.

David Warren,  
Ontario

## Airdrie woman thanks local good samaritans

### Letter to the Editor:

I would like to take this time to let the good people of Didsbury know what they have in good citizenship in their community.

On Monday January 1, I was travelling on highway 2A from Olds, when my car broke down just south of the 4-way stop at Didsbury. Being a woman travelling alone I was a little scared of asking for help. I saw a farmer's yard and pulled in the driveway. I gingerly rang the doorbell and the people on the other side were Dwayne and Barb Archer. They offered me the use of their phone and coffee while Dwayne checked out my car and found it to be un-driveable. Being New Year's Day it was hard to find mechanical help, so to save me time and a huge towing bill to Airdrie, where I live, Dwayne loaded my car on a trailer and he and Barb drove me and my car all the way home. He dropped my car at my place of employment and delivered me home safe & sound. Not only did they do this, but would not accept payment of any kind. This was above the call and my family and I would like to thank them for taking such good care of me. This kind of goodwill is hard to find these days. Please, Didsbury, if you have a Citizenship Award, these people deserve it. I wish you all more peace, joy & goodwill in the year 2001.

Sincerely,  
Eunice Hall, Airdrie

## Corporate hog practices should be examined

### Dear Editor,

At a December 6 Washington, D.C. news conference a group of all-star lawyers, including Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., announced a huge legal action against the hog factory industry. The news release stated:

"Environmentalists, family farm activists, and animal welfare advocates today announced that they have recruited an all-star team of private bar attorneys and law firms to launch a broad legal assault against the corporate hog industry. Citing the government's failure to prosecute industry practices that shatter rural communities and contaminate public waterways, the public interest groups said they will work with prominent plaintiffs lawyers to reform the industry, restore damaged ecosystems and reinvigorate America's family farms."

"The environmentalists argued today that 'hog factories' are having disastrous impacts on America's natural resources and are exposing humans to a variety of health risks. Industrial meat factories discharge the waste from millions of hogs along with toxic disinfectants, antibiotics, pesticides and other poisons untreated to the environment. Hog factory odors make life unbearable in adjacent communities. Spills from vast feces lagoons have aggravated fish kills involving billions

of fish and poisoned soils, rivers, aquifers and public waterways. Disease outbreaks linked to these illegal practices have sickened fishermen and river users with respiratory injury, brain damage and other afflictions. By saving money through illegal disposal practices, hog factories have artificially lowered the price of pork, driving hundreds of thousands of family farmers off their land."

"Environmentalists complain that despite the clear illegality of such practices, government has abrogated its enforcement duties. Federal environmental prosecution against the meat industry has effectively ceased because Congress has eviscerated the Environmental Protection Agency's enforcement budget while the political clout of powerful pork producers has trumped state enforcement efforts," according to Water Keeper Alliance President, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. "This collapse of environmental enforcement has allowed corporate hog factories to proliferate with huge pollution based profits."

Water Alliance, Sierra Club, and farm and animal advocates have assembled leading national class action lawyers to implement litigation strategies to reform the industry. The firms are the successful veterans of legal wars against big tobacco and the asbestos and Dalkon Shield industries. As in

the tobacco wars, the public interest groups are turning to the private bar to defend the public interest because federal and state regulators are moving so slowly. "This historical assemblage of legal talent will fill the vacancy left by government's failure to prosecute and confront these polluters with the most formidable threat they have ever faced," Kennedy said. "The failure of government has forced us to find champions outside the regulatory community. We are grateful that the private bar has risen to the challenge," he added. Richard Middleton, the immediate past president of the American Trial Lawyers Association, is one of the leaders of the group organized by Water Keeper Alliance. "Using its wealth and political power, this industry has illegally seized public waterways for its waste disposal," said Middleton Jan Schlittmann, of Leiff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, L.L.P., whose prior environmental exploits were recounted in the best selling book *A Civil Action*, is among the group's organizers. Schlittmann pronounced that, "Our objective is to civilize this industry."

"Family farm activists joined in announcing the assault on industrial hog producers. The National Farmers' Union, with over 300,000 members, represents the nation's family farmers. NFU President,



Leland Swenson, said family farmers should take an aggressive stand against corporate farming. "Industrial hog production is not farming. The practices of these corporate giants have nothing to do with traditional agriculture and are forcing many farmers out of business."

In the past decade, a handful of major corporations have been positioning themselves to com-

pletely control hog production and wipe out independent family hog farmers. "Over 70% of independent family hog farms have been pushed out of business by corporate hog giants over the past decade," Swenson noted."

Is this the future we want for Alberta?

Yours truly,  
Cecily Smith,  
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# Lifestyles

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## Didsbury blood donor clinic planned Jan. 17

**Organizers hoping to collect 90 pints of blood at upcoming blood clinic which will be held locally in a week.**

by Richard Westlund

Didsburians will have the chance to give the gift of life on Jan. 17 as the local Royal Purple host a donor clinic in conjunction with Canadian Blood Services.

Clinics are held locally twice a year, at the beginning of the year in January and in the summertime to help replenish stocks.

"The blood stock is usually down after the Christmas season," said Royal Purple volunteer Shirley Thompson.

At the last clinic held locally about 80 pints of blood were collected. All of it ended up going to help the people at the Pine Lake disaster which occurred almost immediately after the blood clinic took place.

This year the goal for the Royal Purple is to collect 90 pints. "We usually get at least 100 people through the door, but that number shrinks after the screening process," said Thompson adding that a pint of blood donated can help as many as five or six people.

The process of donating blood takes about one hour.

To donate blood certain requirements have to be met. Donors should be between 17 and 71 years of age, for those whom have given blood in the past two years. First time donors should be between 17- and 61-years-old.

Donors should be in good health and feeling well the day of the donation and weigh 110 pounds (50 kgs) or more.

A duration of 56 days should separate each donation.

A trophy, which was donated by the Didsbury Hospital Auxillary, is also given out after each clinic. The group or business that supplies the most donors takes the prize. The winner from last summer was Olds College, although the town of Didsbury came close to winning the honor.

Prospective donors should bring identification bearing their signature and appointments are appreciated, but not necessary.

To book an appointment phone 1-877-444-9284. In Calgary call 541-4453.

### Museum Musings

## Museum temporarily reverts back to old schoolhouse

by Marg Weaver

On Thursday, December 21st the Museum reverted once again to the Brick School House. On this occasion, Lara Christiansen's Grade IV Class from Ross Ford School, came back to the old school dressed up as the children of the early 1900's to reenact a typical school day of mixed grades from that era.

Natalie Paulgaard was their Teacher, also dressed in the period dress of the time. She was very prim and proper and conducted her class in the same way as would the teachers in those early days. It was wonderful to see these children so wrapped up in their

roles. They played their parts to perfection.

They stayed outside until Mrs. Paulgaard rang the bell to call them in, they filed in, boys on one side, girls on the other. Not a word was spoken. They were, after all, children from 1900, and that is how it would have been in those days. They filed into the classroom and sat in their assigned seats and classes began.

They were given Math, Spelling, and Reading in the different grade groups from Grade I to Grade VI. You should have seen them, parents, you would have been so proud.

This was a day these pre-

cious children won't soon forget, thanks to their teachers Lara and Natalie, neither will I.

This was the third exercise for these children. They took a tour of the Museum on the first visit, and on the second visit they had a question and answer period, all leading up to the enactment as children of the turn of the 20th Century.

For a short time, it was as if we had all been transported back in time.

You know, parents, your children love to come to the Museum. They are full of questions about how their grandparents lived.

The hardships they endured,

to give them the quality of life they have today. Sometimes they find things hard to believe, but they are wide-eyed in wonder.

Why not let your children bring YOU on a tour of the Museum. You will be surprised at how much they have learned about the early pioneer days.

You know, when I see these children and listen to their enthusiastic comments, I realize we haven't much to worry about.

They will take care of the future as well as preserve the past.

We hope to have things back to normal at the Mu-

seum in the New Year. We hope to have the hours of operation scheduled again. The Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers will be held on January 17th at 7:00 p.m. This is an open meeting, I encourage you to come and see how the Museum is operated.

Believe me, if your children and grandchildren were old enough, they would be at this meeting with bells on.

If you haven't already renewed your Memberships for 2001, now is the time.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Now let us all look forward to making this Millennium Year a year to remember.



### Word Search winners ...

AG Foods manager Greg Poirier (centre) presents Shirley MacMillan with a turkey and a \$200 grocery gift certificate for winning the word-search contest grand prize, published weekly in the Didsbury Review. Accompanying Shirley is husband Don (left).



**Rockin' Recreation****Didsbury has facilities for New Year's resolutions**

by Alana Hagel

Welcome back and Hello! The holidays are over, and we can all relax and get back into our normal routines once again—either our normal routines or the ones we've now committed ourselves to. Isn't it funny how every year, we promise ourselves that we are going to change ourselves in some shape or form for our New Years resolutions?

I commend those of you who have every year made a commitment and followed it through; however, I do believe that you are a minority. Not that it is a bad thing—I say that because I personally have no

willpower. Asking around though, I do find the most common resolution to be that of fitness. Not necessarily to lose those extra pounds, but to practice a healthier lifestyle. Keep in mind that the Town of Didsbury Recreation and Facility Services Department has many fitness opportunities including normally scheduled swimming, Aquacize, Deep Water Workout, lessons for youths and adults, public skate and shinny.

Also, check out the Community Learning Opportunities calendar that provides many fitness classes as well.

Watch in the near future for information on upcoming fitness opportunities such as Tee-Box (a martial arts boxing technique).

On a more personal note, I'm Alana Hagel. For those of you who do not know me, I am the new Programmer of the Recreation and Facility Services Department of the Town of Didsbury.

To alleviate some of your frustrations when you first meet me and can't figure out where you've seen me before, I worked for the Didsbury Aquatic Centre starting in 1995 as a part-time cashier until 1997 when I transferred

to a full time position at the Town Office. I have now returned to the Recreation and Facility Services Department, and I am really excited to be back! I am looking forward to meeting the new faces around the department and reacquainting myself with those of you who I've lost touch with.

Feel free to drop by or call me with the questions you have about the department and recreation in Didsbury (I'll try my best during my first months to answer your questions...if I don't have the answers, I'll be sure to get them for you—I have some

pretty knowledgeable co-workers to rely on!), or just give me a call or drop by to say hello! I am also interested in hearing what you, the people of Didsbury, would like to see offered in your community in terms of recreational activities.

Okay, so that gives you some different reasons to give me a call - 335-7369! And hey - if you can identify all the reasons I gave you - let me know that too...there may be something in it for you!

That's it, that's all...I hope your holidays were fulfilling, and we at the Recreation and Facility Services Department hope to hear from you soon.

**Mountain View Lodge News****Lodge had lots of visitors and special activities in Dec.**

By Annie Caush

Hi all!

A very Happy New Year to all our readers. Hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas season. We had a busy time here with lots of visitors and special activities. The staff was extra busy during this holiday time. They provided a delicious roast beef dinner for our Christmas banquet on Dec. 14 and the Evergreen Choir as usual gave us a lovely evening of entertainment.

Another evening the staff came in and sang for us and then treated us to some of their Christmas "goodies". Watching the video of the entertainment on New Years Eve was almost as much fun as the live presentation. Ask one of us about it!

The Thursday before Christmas the B.I.N.G.O. prizes were provided by various staff members. Thanks so much for all your participation over the holidays. The few who were here Christmas Day enjoyed their turkey dinner but most of us spent at least a little time

with family or friends.

Before Christmas we had several other special events - our M.L.A. came in one morning and had coffee and visited with us. One evening we drove around Olds to see the lights. They were lovely. Several groups came and sang carols for us even in that very cold weather. Thanks so much!

As usual it was a special treat to have the Reed Ranch School children come and perform some Christmas Music for us. After singing they handed out hand-made Christmas cards to all the residents.

A Jr. High class here in Olds made unique decorations out of candy canes and gave us each one to hang on our doors. A big "Thank You" to each one who thought of us here at the Lodge.

In Hospital we have Gladys Donald. We hope you feel better soon.

Our newest resident is Otto Setter. We welcome you and hope you soon feel "at home" here.

**Chinook Arch Victim's Services****Raffle winner announced**

Chinook Arch Victim's Services congratulates Dennis McGinnis of Olds as the winner of the Limited Edition print, "In Appreciation Too".

The lucky ticket was drawn on Dec. 2, 2000 at the Olds RCMP Christmas Party. Dennis was in attendance and was able to take the print home that night.

Many thanks to those who purchased tickets and to the various businesses who allowed us to sell tickets on their premises. Your support is much appreciated.

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**Library News****Library features and teaches forest photography during Jan.**

Check out the beautiful wood creations on loan from our own Lody Vandenberg. Also on exhibit is a series of forest photographs by Mark Arneson. These works of art can be seen anytime at the library over the next several weeks.

Mr. Arneson will soon be offering a course on photography, composing your picture and using light to your advantage. Be sure to get your name on our interest list so we can set the dates.

We are in the process of bar-coding our magazines so that they can be properly checked out and we can track the circulation. From now on the lending period for magazines will be one week, the same as videos.

Check out our growing collection of books on tape. We have been purchasing some with a grant from Didsbury Family and Community Sup-

port Services, which are being offered to residents of Didsbury's long term care facility, but they are also available for everyone to listen to.

These popular novels are sometimes full length, sometimes abridged, and are often read by famous actors whose voices you will recognize. Add to that the new rotating collection of audio books from Parkland Regional Library and there is always something new to listen to at the library!

New books are always arriving - get a head start on your taxes with advice from the 2001 edition of *Jacks on Tax and Taxes for Canadians* (for Dummies). Anne Perry's latest novel, another mystery set in Victorian England, *Slaves of Obsession* "twists and turns like a pow-

der keg fuse... "No Great Mischief by Canada's own Alistair MacLeod is declared by *The Globe and Mail* to be "The book of the year- and of this decade. It is a once-in-a-life-time masterpiece."

Watch this column or inquire at the library about our "Taste of Computing"; another series of two-hour lessons on Word, Windows, Excel, etc. for just \$5.00 a session. The dates and times will soon be set.

Lost and found- one wooden, handpainted snowman as well as numerous gloves and caps and glasses.

Check it out at your library or at [www.prl.ab.ca](http://www.prl.ab.ca) where you can search the catalogue for Didsbury as well as all the Parkland Libraries, reserve books, see what you have out and when it is due. See our friendly staff for a quick lesson anytime.

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# Canada Post creates a jewel of a stamp

## New Canadian postage stamp celebrates Year of the Snake

Using jade and quartz, Canada Post will be shedding the 20th century in style. The Honourable Andre Ouellet, President and Chief Executive Officer of Canada Post, announced today plans to issue two Lunar New Year stamps on January 5, 2001. The Year of the Snake, which begins on January 24th, 2001, is the fifth of the 12-year cycle to be honoured in this fashion by Canada Post. The stamps will be made available in both domestic and international rate denominations; the domestic rate stamp will be available in panes of 25, while the international rate stamp will be sold in a single-stamp souvenir sheet format.

The stamp was designed by Marlene Wou, previously of CDDC and now with Timm Williams Design in Vancouver. Ms. Wou designed the Orchids stamps for Canada Post in 1999. By combining jade sculpture by Lyle Soper, calligraphy by Yukman Lai and the digital photography of Montizambert Photography, Ms. Wou creates a unique design that emphasizes the fluid form and decorative body patterns of the snake. Even the shape, which has parallel sides but an upward arching top and bottom, connotes the reptile's movement.

The domestic rate stamp depicts a (British Columbia jade) green snake against an opalescent quartz background, bordered by jade sculptures, with

the word "snake" written in gold Chinese characters. The international rate souvenir sheet, also in an arch shape, features a caramel-coloured (Siberian jade) snake against a background identical to the domestic rate stamp.

The traditional Chinese Lunar New Year begins at sunset on the day of the second new moon following the winter solstice, and is marked by fifteen days of celebrations. In 2001, the Year of the Snake will officially begin at sunset on January 24th, as the Year of the Dragon comes to a close.

The new year festivities include both public and domestic ceremonies ensure good fortune, prosperity, good health and longevity in the coming year. Special activities, like the lighting of fire crackers to banish malevolent spirits, the

ritual cleaning of homes as a form of exorcism, and special "symbolic" foods like apples (for peace), oranges (for wealth) and lotus seeds (for fertility) all play a role during the celebrations.

People born in the Year of the Snake are said to be deep thinkers, graceful and soft-spoken, and tend to gravitate toward the finer things in life. People born in the years 2001, 1989, 1977, 1965, 1953, 1941, 1929 or 1917 are said to be fast learners, full of inner strength and have a profound sense of responsibility. Elegant in speech, dress and manners, people born in the Year of the Snake are best suited to become philosophers, theologians, politicians and financiers. Famous people born in the Year of the Snake include Abraham Lincoln,

Mao Tse-Tung and Pablo Picasso.

As in previous years, Canada Post will also be offering a Lunar New Year stamp and coin set, as well as a Lunar New Year stamp pack, which will include mint stamps from Canada, Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China. Finally, 35,000 uncut press sheets, featuring 12 souvenir sheets, will also be available

for \$24.95 each.

Stamps and First Day Covers will be available at participating postal outlets, or by mail order from the National Philatelic Centre. From Canada and the USA call toll-free: 1-800-565-4362 and from other countries call: (902) 863-6550. Stamp information may also be found on Canada Post's Web site at: [www.canadapost.ca](http://www.canadapost.ca)

## Southwest Didsbury News

# Southwest Didsbury will be busy in 2001

by Mrs. Bessie Eckstrand

I would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year of 2001 to Gene Hartmann, wife Ila and family, staff of Contemporary Graphics/Didsbury Review, and readers of the Didsbury Review.

Westcott Coffee Party was held on Wednesday, December 13, and despite the snowy, cold day over 20 ladies attended along with a number of youngsters. Trudy Robertson and Syna Klinck were in charge, and a delicious array was set out amidst a festive Christmas theme.

Hostesses for next month, January 10, 2001, will be Rejane Klinck and Marian Ferry. A number of parties have been held. Westcott had their Christmas Party on Sunday, December 10th. The U.C.W. Party was held on December 5th with 40 ladies and gentlemen in attendance. Evelyn Clark, U.C.W. President, presided for the service and Bev Felker played the piano for the carol singing. The Birthday Club Party was held on November 29th at the beautifully decorated home of Susie and Frank Neufeld.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful and exciting year of 2001.

## Christmas trees still being accepted for Chip-a-thon

Christmas trees will be accepted right up to Jan. 12 at the Didsbury campground as part of the Westglen Chip-a-thon.

Donated Christmas trees will be chipped at the campground and will be used around trees in the ecological area and other areas at the school.

The service is free because several Didsbury businesses and the Chamber of Commerce have pledged funds per tree collected.

The trees will be chipped by local arboriculturalist Jerald Fournier.

# Saving the foundered horse - Laminitis is repairable

Laminitis is preventable and repairable. A foundered horse can be saved! Breakthrough techniques to save the foundered horse will be presented at the 2001 Alberta Horse Breeders and Owners Conference, being held at the Capri Centre in Red Deer on January 12 to 14, 2001.

"Sandy Loree, a graduate of the Olds College Farrier Certificate Program, first class journeyman welder and the developer of the 5S Equine Sole Support System for management of many foot problems including wall cracks and laminitis," says Les Burwash, head of equine studies with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Airdrie. "Loree will be discussing his experiences and successes in preventing and dealing with this very painful and debilitating condition in horses."

Loree's presentation will describe necessary techniques to prevent and repair founder and will outline the responsibilities of the horse owner, the farrier and the veterinarian during the process.

Laminitis is the inflammation of the laminae. The inflammation is a local response to tissue cellular injury that is marked by capillary dilation, concentration of clear serum fluids, swelling, redness, heat and pain. The laminae, however, is not targeted specifically,

it is actually a systemic condition. The horse suffers aches and pains in various parts, similar to how humans feel with the flu or stress. The laminae is just one of many body tissues affected. The negative affect on the laminae may be compounded because of its location at the extremity of limbs. Other factors that contribute are that circulation is not as efficient in the hoof and there is considerable tension during weight bearing service. An unhealthy laminae is weakened to a point that it can no longer support the normal weight bearing load and literally gets torn apart.

Loree's presentation will cover the weight bearing process within the hoof; the factors that trigger displacement of the hoof wall from the coffin bone; how to prevent laminitis; how to prevent founder; how to repair the foundered foot; methods, techniques, procedures to unload the wall; affects of sole loading and expected results.

The Alberta Horse Breeders and Owners Conference, a premier horse conference that is the only one of its kind in Canada, is conducted by the Horse Industry Section of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, the Alberta Quarter Horse Breeders Group and the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society - Alberta Division, with major sponsorship from the Alberta Society

for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"The 2001 conference features 15 internationally recognized speakers," adds Burwash.

"As well as Loree, the program of speakers includes: Dr. Frank Andrews, professor and section chief of large animal medicine at the University of Tennessee, who has worked in the area of gastric ulcers for 11 years; Joe Hayes, AQHA and NRHA judge and one of the top 10 reiners in the world; Dr. Sue McDonnell, head of the equine behaviour lab at the University of Pennsylvania where her primary interest is the study and treatment of abnormal stallion behaviour; Mimi Porter, certified and licensed athletic trainer is responsible for developing the first college curriculum on equine therapy in Kentucky; and, Dr. Don Thompson, professor of animal science at Louisiana State University focusing on nutritional and metabolic interactions with reproductive traits in horses."

The conference is arranged so that attendees can follow four streams of interest - Arabian, Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred and all breeds. While many follow the program designed for a particular breed preference, conference participants can attend any of the sessions, and will receive the printed materials from all sessions.

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# Faces

a brief glimpse at people and events in our community

Compiled by Kathleen Windsor

This week we look at our local political leaders and what their hopes and plans are for the year 2001.

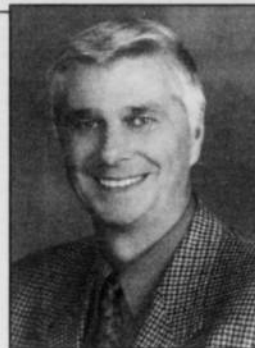


## Just give it our best ...

As a major agricultural service centre located in the heart of mixed farming country, Didsbury is ideally situated to provide the luxury of country living with outstanding up to date facilities, including a hospital, clinics, golf course, and great recreational facilities. The community is run by six counselors and Mayor Ray Lea, who continue to put Didsbury first. "I've made no New Year's Resolutions," says Mayor Ray with a smile, "but will continue to make a personal commitment to Didsbury area residents. I love our community," he adds. "I feel we live in one of the greatest areas in the world." Big words maybe, but with the council working diligently on projects such as the new seniors' lodge, ambulance services, and continually pressing the provincial government on stabilizing utility rates, the Town Council is working hard on keeping Didsbury strong and vibrant. This means working closely with other governments and sharing services whenever possible. "I will work with the county to keep our residential and commercial taxes competitive to surrounding communities." He adds, "I will continue to work to maintain growth in residential and industrial development, and work to improve infrastructure as well." Members of the present Town Council get along well together, and that certainly helps in sharing the workload. "We will continue to work with local provincial and federal governments as well, for regular improvements in utilizing and sharing of services," Ray says. Didsbury's Mayor loves his home and the people here. "I would like to wish all of you a healthy and prosperous 2001."

## It's an Election Year ...

Mountain View County stretches across a million acres of rich farmland in south-central Alberta. Four towns are located within the boundaries of the County, including Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs and Sundre as well as the village of Cremona. Extensive development of the farmlands and natural resources might surprise those who came west over 100 years ago. The County has thriving industries in agriculture, oil and gas, lumber, and tourism. A council of seven elected representatives, including Reeve Ian Harvie, handles the management of this rural area. Harvie was first elected to council in 1995 and served as Deputy Reeve for a year before being appointed Reeve in 1999. His plans for 2001 centre around enhancing and improving various relationships. "We will be striving for stronger relationships with the province," he says. Working together with the various other governments is critical to successes on joint projects as well. "Our objective," he says, "is to continue working with urban municipalities on cooperative projects. We want to work on strengthening the planning issues and processes of that in light of economic development," he adds. Residents in Mountain View County will be facing an election in the fall of 2001 and right now, Ian has intentions to run again in October for another term. "I enjoy working on behalf of the ratepayers," he says, "for the betterment of the county."



## From Agriculture to Health Care and More ...

Richard Marz was elected to his first term in the Legislative Assembly as MLA for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills in 1997. He continues to work for his constituents and has his work cut out for him with a provincial election in his near future. "I have high expectations that the economy will continue to be firing the most cylinders in 2001," he says, "and I am looking forward to a turnaround in the agriculture field, particularly with prices for grains and oilseeds. It's long past due to the market to turn around in that sector," he adds, "and we'll do everything in the government we can to help." Richard has operated a farm in the Three Hills area since 1966, and certainly holds the agriculture industry near and dear. "My personal perspective is that we have put a lot of money into health care, and I'm looking forward to getting through some of the problems there ... seeing further reduced waiting time for patients." There's also a few big construction projects planned for our constituency too. "There's \$6 million allocated for the replacement of 50 long term care beds in Didsbury, as well as \$600,000. plus for assisted living beds," he said. "Ten in Three Hills and 20 in Didsbury. This is a real plus to our health care system. It's an identifiable area between lodge living and long term care, and I'm happy to see those types of services in our constituency soon." Due to some active lobbying by constituents in the area, Richard has cautious optimism for dialysis in the area. "I am very optimistic about acquiring dialysis in the constituency in the new year," adding, "the health care system in Didsbury has been positive recently. The new administration appears to be appreciated from all areas of the constituency served by Region 5." More hopes from our MLA include road repairs. "There's a number of infrastructure projects throughout the constituency and I've been lobbying the Minister ... especially bridges and roads. I'm hopeful that in the next 2-3 years we can get these projects off the ground and get commitments for the upgrades." Roads Richard addressed were passing lanes on Highway 22 to make it a lot safer, working on Highway 2A between Didsbury and Carstairs, and Highway 806 between Acme and Linden. "These are high priorities for me, and I'll sleep a lot easier at night when they're completed," he said with a smile.



## A Lot of Energy ...

Member of Parliament, Myron Thompson, was re-elected to serve the people of Wild Rose Constituency at the federal election just a few months ago. The Canadian Alliance MP has been a staunch supporter of fairness and equality, and has a busy schedule ahead of him in 2001. "Politically I'm seriously fixed on the health care system throughout the country," he says. "We have to make sure the Liberals do the right thing." Taxation relief is a priority for Myron, as it is for everyone in the country. "I'm looking forward to the tax breaks planned for Canadians, after such heavy taxation." Mr. Thompson also has his work cut out for him in various portfolios he will be paying particular attention to. "I'm looking for some accountability in Human Resources Development (Jane Stewart is the Minister), and the Heritage Department, as well as other portfolios, and in particular, out of our Prime Minister." As all MPs do, Myron has areas of special interest.

"I'm looking forward to my work in organized crime, which is going to be a huge problem ... it already is." At the very least, Myron will be kept busy handling the day-to-day concerns of his constituents, and he is looking forward to continuing to serve the people who put their confidence in him during the last election. "There is tons of work I have to do in terms of issues, and I hope to maintain the strength and energy that's required to do it."

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## Focus on the Family



**QUESTION:** You have talked about how Barbie dolls place undue emphasis on clothing, possessions and appearance. Barbie isn't the only example of this adolescent influence in our culture, is she?

**DR. DOBSON:** No, our children are saturated with commercial stuff that has the same impact. More and more, we see adolescent clothes, attitudes and values being marketed to younger and younger children. And rock and rap music, with adolescent and adult themes, are finding eager listeners among the very young. I believe it is desirable to postpone the adolescent experience until it is summoned by the happy hormones. Therefore, I strongly recommend that parents screen the influences to which their children are exposed, keeping activities appropriate for each age. While we can't isolate our kids from the world as it is, we don't have to turn our babies into teenyboppers.

**QUESTION:** Please talk about a father's impact on his daughter and what he should hope to accomplish through that relationship.

**DR. DOBSON:** Fathers have an incalculable impact on their daughters. Most psychologists believe, and I am one of them, that all future romantic relationships to occur in a girl's life will be influenced positively or negatively by the way she perceives and interacts with her dad. If he rejects and ignores her, she will spend her life trying to replace him in her heart. If he is warm and nurturing, she will look for a lover to equal him. If he thinks she is beautiful, worthy and feminine, she will be inclined to see herself that way. But if he thinks she is unattractive and uninteresting, she is likely to carry self-esteem problems into her adult years. I have also observed that a woman's respect for her husband is significantly influenced by the way she perceived her father. If he was overbearing, uncaring or capricious during her developmental years, she may disrespect her husband and question his judgment. But if Dad blended love and leadership in a way that conveyed strength, she will be more likely to live harmoniously with him. None of these tendencies or trends are absolute, of course. Individual differences can always produce exceptions and contradictions. But this statement will be hard to refute: A good father will leave his imprint on his daughter for the rest of her life.

**QUESTION:** My children are still young and they are doing fine now, but I worry a lot about the adolescent years that lie ahead. I've seen other parents go through some pretty terrible things when their teen-agers began to rebel. How can I help my sons avoid that turmoil 10 years from now?

**DR. DOBSON:** The apprehension you describe is well-founded, and many parents feel something similar today. The most important suggestion I can make is for you to redouble your efforts to build good relationships with your kids while they are young. That is the key to surviving the adolescent years. If they emerge from childhood with doubts about whether you really love and care for them, anything is possible during the turbulent teens. Boundaries, restrictions and threats will be no match for adolescent anger, frustration and resentment. As author Josh McDowell has said, "Rules without relationship leads to rebellion." He is right. That's why parents can't afford to get preoccupied with business and other pursuits that interfere with the task of raising children. Kids are young for such a brief period. During that short window, they must be given priority.

Once you've done what you can to lay the proper foundation, I urge you to approach your parenting duties with confidence. Anxiety about the future is risky in itself. It can make parents tentative and insecure in dealing with their youngsters. They don't dare cross them or deny their wishes for fear of being hated in the teen years. Teen-agers pick up those vibes intuitively, which often generates disrespect in return. Don't make that mistake. You have been placed in a position of authority over your young children. Lead them with confidence and care.

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## First World Braille Day declared January 4, 2001

January 4, 2001 will mark the first World Braille Day. Delegates to the World Blind Union's 5th General Assembly held late last year in Melbourne, Australia, passed a unanimous resolution to declare January 4th as World Braille Day. January 4 is the birth date of Louis Braille, the inventor of braille.

The day is a tribute to the genius of Louis Braille, who almost 200 years ago, revolutionized the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired, with his invention of a simple yet sophisticated system of six raised dots. Used in various combination, the six "magic" dots can be used to form letters of the alphabet, musical notations, chemistry symbols, numbers and punctuation.

"Braille is to the blind person what the printed word is to the sighted individual, access to information and contact with the outside world," said James Sanders, President of the World Blind Union's North American and Caribbean Region.

To encourage people around the world to celebrate World Braille Day, the World Blind

Union has developed a Web site that includes special community activities and school programs to mark the event. The Web site was made possible by the World Blind Union and its partners Human Resources Development Canada - National Literacy Secretariat, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB), the Canadian Braille Literacy Foundation and the Canadian Braille Authority. To access the information on World Braille Day in English and French visit the CNIB Web site at [www.cnib.ca](http://www.cnib.ca).

An international voice of more than 165 million blind and visually impaired people around the world, the World Blind Union (WBU) monitors legislation and works to change attitudes about blindness. The WBU has two main objectives: The prevention and cure of unnecessary blindness and the provision of services and programs for people who are blind.

Since 1918, the CNIB has helped Canadians who are blind, visually impaired and deafblind meet their greatest challenge: thriving independently in a sighted world.

### ASC volunteer program

## Accredited Supports to the Community looking for volunteers

Are you settling into the coming winter months with some spare time on your hands?

Would you like to meet new people and learn new skills?

Perhaps the Volunteer Involvement Program (V.I.P.) at Accredited Supports to the Community is for you!

The VIP is actively recruiting community members to pair with a person who receives some support through the agency. Volunteers will assist people with developmental disabilities to participate in community activities.

Many people with a developmental disability are living in very independent situations.

They would appreciate an extra friend to spend time with

and to help them as they explore their community.

The volunteer program at ASC ensures you receive adequate training and support in the volunteer opportunity you choose.

Volunteers can choose to become paired in a one-on-one relationship with someone at the agency, they can volunteer in group settings for recreational activities or social gatherings, or they can choose to become involved in various types of committee work at

the agency.

Reasons for you to volunteer could include;

- contribute to the community
- make someone's life better
- explore possible career choices

Please contact Accredited Supports at 556-4110 and ask for Tane Skotheim, the Volunteer Services Facilitator, to find out more about this opportunity. Volunteers put more into life - for everyone!

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10:30 a.m. Every Sunday. Holy Eucharist (except 5th Sunday Morning Prayer)  
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### Chinook Winds Christian Centre

1710 - 14 St. Didsbury  
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Alternate Sunday 6 p.m. Renewal Meetings  
ph/fax: 335-3551 email: [cwcc@ccinet.ab.ca](mailto:cwcc@ccinet.ab.ca)  
Call 335-3323 for Open Sky Learning Centre  
Pastoral Team: Richard & Beth Kope  
See you at the centre!

### Fortress Baptist Church

Meeting at the Didsbury Train Station (SW entrance facing businesses)  
Pastor Jim Warkentin • 335-4878  
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Meet you at the Station.

### St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24th Ave. Didsbury Phone 556-3084  
Mass Time: 7:00 p.m. 1st Saturday

### Berghal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta  
5 kilometers south of the Didsbury overpass  
8 kilometers East on Berghal Road  
Summer Schedule (June 25 - Sept. 3)  
Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.  
Children's Church (ages 3 - grade 3)  
For more information phone 335-4451 (church office)

### Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA  
1500 - 23rd Street  
Rev. Robert Mohrns  
Church: 335-3161 / Res: 335-3656  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study Sunday: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
Jr. & Senior Youth, Women's & Seniors  
Ministry Group. Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week.

### West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - west 1-1/2 miles  
Pastor Jim Miller. Information call 337-2020  
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Worship Service 10:55 a.m.  
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### Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

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11:15 - 12:30 p.m. Celebration in Worship  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
Contact the church regarding Bible Studies, Care Groups, Teen Activities & Children's programs.

### Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

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Pastor John Lucas  
Office: 335-4422  
Home: 335-8923  
Sunday School For All Ages 10:00 a.m.  
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For information concerning weekly activities please call the church office.

### Knox United Didsbury

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# Business

New Businesses & Ownership • Farm News & Views • Auction Market Reports

## Town's growth numbers remained steady in 2000

by Richard Westlund

Despite a lower number of housing permits issued by the Town of Didsbury and a slightly lower total value of permits number, the town enjoyed another year of steady growth in 2000.

Thirty-six S.F.D. (single family dwellings) permits were issued last year for a total value of \$6,243,650. That is slightly down from a year ago when the numbers showed 51 S.D.F.s with a value of \$6,405,604.

But the Town did approve of more Commercial and Industrial permits as those numbers rose considerably.

Thirteen Commercial and another 13 Industrial permits were approved, up from six and four respectively.

"We are attracting developers who are looking to expand their operations," said Town of Didsbury Planning and Development Officer Robert Wigg adding that census numbers indicate the town is growing.

"And we are attracting people who want to come here for the type of lifestyle we can provide."

The growth of Didsbury has been fairly steady since 1996. Wigg said that was the year the Town took over its own subdivision and development authority. Prior to that date everything related to development was contracted out of the Red Deer area.

Wigg said the process has been simplified since the town took the job over and the town has been experiencing steady growth ever since.

**"We want to ensure that we do not grow too quickly and maintain some orderly growth."**

**- Robert Wigg,  
Town of Didsbury Planning and Development Officer**

"We made a conscious decision at that time to improve the service to developers and it has been paying off ever since."

With the increase in activity there have been some increased challenges for the town, said Wigg.

"We are faced with the challenge of providing residents with good municipal services. There are changing expectations and needs to be filled now."

He points the addition of a bylaw officer and an increased presence of the RCMP as some of the areas people look for in a town of Didsbury's size.

"There is a greater emphasis of having clean neighbourhoods," he added.

Five years from now, Didsbury will have grown larger than it is at this moment, said Wigg. But that is growth that should and will have to be properly monitored he added.

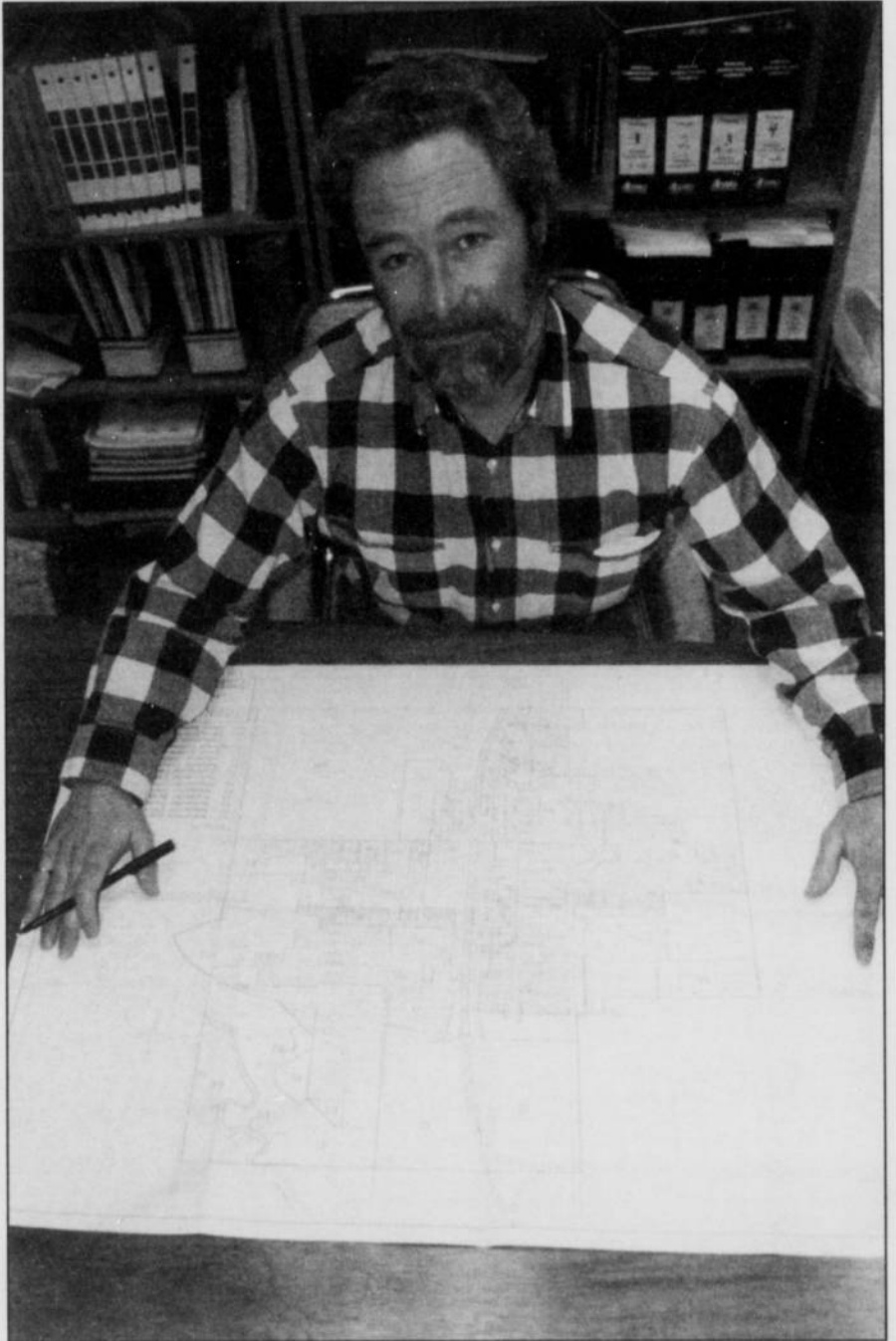
"We want to ensure that we do not grow too quickly and maintain some orderly growth," said Wigg, adding the Town experienced some growing pains even in the last year.

"It's hard for small communities. As you grow bigger, you have to keep up with the responsibilities that come with that."

Wigg said that the peaks and valleys of growth are inevitable but an effort needs to be made to make sure the growth is steady and controlled.

Issues in the future the town will have to work through include keeping up on infrastructure issues despite not seeing as much grant money in the past from the various governments.

He also believes the town is going to have to find a way to deal with higher natural gas and electricity costs as future challenges.



Robert Wigg poses with a map of Didsbury. The town had fewer housing starts last year than in 1999, but the overall numbers suggested steady growth.

## AG Foods will remain connected to community despite takeover

by Richard Westlund

The new owners of AG Foods stated late last week that they will remain a very community oriented grocery store.

Buy-Low Foods purchased the Didsbury store last fall from Al Schneider and they maintain the store will con-

tinue to be an integral part of the community.

"AG Foods will continue to support the community the same way they have in the past," said Buy-Low President Bob Mills, whose office is located in B.C.

"We will continue to support the same events and chari-

ties of the community that we have in the past."

In the takeover, there were no staff changes, except for the ownership and most details of the store will remain the same.

"We are going to operate the store under the name and banner," said Mills.

**"AG Foods will continue to support the community the same way they have in the past."**

**- Bob Mills,  
President of Buy-Low Foods**

**Employment Tip**

## Behavioral interviews being used by employers

Today companies are seeking other ways of getting to know candidates. One method that's finding success in today's marketplace is behavioural interviews. How should you behave during this type of interview?

- Expect to talk about your past experiences in greater detail than in a routine interview.
- Be aware that there will probably be more than one person present and asking questions.
- Listen closely to the questions.
- As with other interviews, it's critical to your success to be honest and frank about your accomplishments or lack thereof.

## Census of Agriculture starts May 15, 2001

The Census of Agriculture is conducted every five years at the same time as the Census of Population. It provides a profile of Canadian agricultural operations, including information on number of farms, crops, land use, land management practices, livestock and poultry, farm machinery, operating expenses and gross farm receipts. The Census of Agriculture also profiles farm operators based on characteristics such as their age, sex, residence status, farm work, non-farm work and injuries.

The Census of Agriculture identifies trends, issues and successes within the agricultural community and has become the backbone of

Canada's agricultural statistics program. It provides comprehensive information on the industry, from the township/rural municipality level to the national level, used to make important decisions.

The confidentiality of individual census questionnaires is protected by law. All Statistics Canada employees have taken an oath of secrecy. Personal census information cannot be given to anyone outside Statistics Canada — not the police, not other government departments, not another person. This is each Canadian's right.

Statistics Canada has also taken steps to ensure the security of the information it collects: access to its premises is

controlled and there are no external communication lines connected to its databases.

For further information regarding Census of Agriculture, contact the Alberta representative, Kendall Olson, agriculture communications officer, Statistics Canada, (780) 495-4655 in Edmonton or call toll free 1-800-263-1136.

### Public meetings for intensive livestock operations issues

You are invited to share your views, concerns and ideas on the development and operation of Alberta's livestock industry, specifically on the issues of provincial and municipal roles, approval processes, and on-going monitoring and enforcement.

The Sustainable Management of the Livestock Industry in Alberta Committee will consult with Albertans on this important matter through written submissions to the committee and public meetings in the new year.

**Public meetings** will be held at six locations across the province. You are invited to make a formal presentation. Presentations will be heard at a confirmed time and date. Meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the following locations:

- **January 22, 2001** Lethbridge Lodge Hotel, 320 Scenic Drive South
- **January 24, 2001** Airdrie Town & Country Centre, 275 Jensen Drive
- **January 26, 2001** Red Deer Black Knight Inn, 2929 - 50 Avenue
- **January 29, 2001** Vermilion Lakeland College, 5707 - 47 Avenue West
- **January 31, 2001** Barrhead Neighbourhood Inn, Hwy 33 & 61 Avenue
- **February 2, 2001** Grande Prairie Travelodge Trumpeter Motor Inn, 12102 - 100 Street

To schedule a presentation to the committee, please call Louise Starling at (403) 340-5306. (Toll-free access is available by first dialing 310-0000)

**Written submissions** will also be accepted. They can be e-mailed, faxed or mailed to the Committee Chairman:

Albert Klapstein, MLA  
Chairman, The Sustainable Management of the Livestock Industry in Alberta Committee  
513 Legislature Building, 10800 - 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6  
Phone: (780) 415-0989 (Toll-free access is available by first dialing 310-0000)  
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E-mail: dwills@assembly.ab.ca

The deadline for written submissions is January 15, 2001.

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## Final payments for 1999-2000 crop year

The CWB today announced the final payments that farmers will receive for wheat, durum wheat, feed barley and designated barley marketed by the CWB in the 1999-00 crop year. The crop year began August 1, 1999 and ended July 31, 2000.

Final payments represent the balance of the money owing to farmers after their grain has been sold by the CWB, and after operating costs have been deducted. The cheques, dated January 2, 2001, will be mailed on December 20, 2000, and received by direct deposit January 2, 2001.

Final payments, in dollars per tonne, for the base grades in each pool account are listed below.

The total payment is based on the value of grain in store at Vancouver or the St. Lawrence.

A complete listing of payments for all grades in dollars per tonne and dollars per bushel will be posted on the CWB's Web site (under the Payments link) at [www.cwb.ca](http://www.cwb.ca).

The CWB is the world's largest farmer-controlled wheat and barley marketer. Headquartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, it is one of Canada's biggest exporters and the largest net earner of foreign currency.

Marketing Prairie-grown wheat and barley to over 70 countries around the world, the CWB returns all sales revenue, less the costs of marketing, to farmers in Western Canada.

## Important Information for all Canadians about responsible firearm ownership

### An update on licensing

#### Temporary licences issued to meet demand

To comply with the *Firearms Act* requirement for firearm owners to have a licence as of January 1, 2001, Canadians sent in their licence applications in record numbers. To meet this demand, temporary licences are being issued to eligible firearm owners.

**Public safety remains the cornerstone of the firearms program.** Temporary licences are only being issued to those who are successfully screened against Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) databases. And, like all other firearm licence holders, those with temporary firearms licences will be continuously screened against police databases.

**These public safety checks conform to the *Firearms Act* and keep firearms away from those who should not have them.**

Temporary licence holders are not permitted to acquire firearms. However, they will be in legal possession of their firearms and they will be able to get ammunition. Temporary licences are only valid until June 30, 2001 or until those eligible receive their five-year licence.

#### Grace period introduced

**Firearm owners who applied for their licence before the deadline will not be penalized if they did not receive their licence by January 1, 2001.**

This grace period will last until June 30, 2001. It only protects people who applied for a licence before January 1, 2001. Firearm owners and users who did not apply for a licence or who don't have a valid Firearms Acquisition Certificate (FAC) may be subject to penalties under the *Criminal Code*.

For more information, assistance or forms, call 1 800 731-4000 or visit our Web site at [www.cfc.gc.ca](http://www.cfc.gc.ca)

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# ACT Program partners issue proposal calls

## Reducing regulatory barriers to building better homes and communities

The Affordability and Choice Today (ACT) Program partners today issued the Y2000 proposal calls for projects that streamline ap-

provals and eliminate outdated regulations to make way for new ideas to build better homes and communities.

Now in its 10th year, ACT provides funding to community teams of builders, developers, planners, municipal staff, non-profit and consumer groups for:

1. **Demonstration project grants** for up to \$20,000 to support housing projects that

showcase new ideas in design, technology, planning or servicing.

2. **Approvals process project grants** of up to \$10,000 to assist teams to change regulatory, procedural and administrative processes.

3. **NEW - Promotional project grants** of up to \$5,000 to fund creative efforts that promote regulatory reform, and contribute to the

sharing of ideas. These applications are accepted year-round.

Community teams must submit applications for funding in the Demonstration project and Approvals process categories by **January 15, 2001**. Promotion project grant applications are accepted year-round.

Up to \$160,000 is available in project grants. The suc-

cessful entries will be announced in February 2001.

Since 1990, ACT has provided over \$1.6 million in grants to teams that have changed the rules and widened housing choice and affordability.

In 1998, the United Nations recognized the ACT program as an international best practice for improving the environment.

## Canadian Wheat Board

# CWB actions underscore urgent need for federal government to intervene in transportation dispute

Canada's grain handling and marketing companies renew their call for the federal government to intervene in the current transportation impasse.

The Western Grain Elevator Association says a news release issued by the Canadian Wheat Board points to the urgent need for third party intervention.

In response to a threat of legal action, the CWB announced today that it would honour its agreements with the members of the WGEA, and refrain from acting in excess of its statutory powers. "It is unfortunate that for its own political purposes the CWB chose to characterize a decision to honour its legal obligations as an effort to avert a strike," says Ed Guest, Executive Director, Western

**"At no time did any of the WGEA companies threaten a strike."**

-Ed Guest

Grain Elevator Association. "At no time did any of the WGEA companies threaten a strike. WGEA members have at all times been prepared to deliver grain under existing agreements between the CWB and grain handlers."

They have communicated that same commitment to the Board."

Guest says, "The CWB has been misusing its powers in an attempt to impose its will on grain handlers by acting unilaterally to implement a system that will not be effi-

cient.

"It has now decided to honour our existing agreements. WGEA members have always negotiated in good faith. It is difficult for good faith negotiations to proceed in an environment where the CWB insists upon unilaterally ignoring its legal obligations and the directions of the Canadian government."

The WGEA says the federal government has commissioned various studies to position the industry for the future. The Board's proposal goes in the

opposite direction.

The WGEA is disappointed with the tactics used by the CWB.

Its members are nonetheless encouraged by the CWB's suggestion to resume good faith discussions.

"Our members hope these discussions will finally result in a framework that allows the Canadian grain handling and transportation system to meet the needs of the 21st century for the benefit of farmers and others," Guest said.

The WGEA is an organization of ten farmer-owned, public and private grain businesses operating in western

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For further information, contact Ed Guest, Executive Director, WGEA at (204) 942-6835.

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# Sports & Entertainment

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## Colts take three of four points on weekend

by Richard Westlund

After trailing off just before the Christmas break, the Colts were able to get some momentum back, capturing three of a possible four points on the weekend.

But it was a weekend, in retrospect, that should have resulted in all four.

The Colts hosted the West Country Stars at home on Saturday night and on the strength of goals by Chris Overwater and Kenny Swanson took a 2-1 lead in to the third and held it right to the dying minutes of the period.

But the Stars evened up the contest before regulation time ran out and ended up winning the game in overtime.

The Colts did get back on track the following night winning a very important hockey game against the Drumheller Raptors. Currently the Colts are chasing the Raptors for third place in the South Division of the Heritage Junior B Hockey League and every contest between the two teams results in important points.

Overwater led the way with a two goal performance while Swanson, Jeff Royston, Eric Riley and Chad Berg had single efforts in the 6-4 victory.

"It was a pretty good weekend," said Colts' Assistant Coach Cory Shields. "But we should have been able to get all four points. In Saturday night's game we had a lot of chances to put the puck in the net but we weren't able to capitalize on them."

"But all-in-all it wasn't a bad weekend at all."

It was the first time the Colts were able to get on the ice since the Christmas break and Shields said he was happy with the way the team performed despite their absence from the ice.

The Christmas break was also a chance for the team to evaluate the first half of the season and set goals for the games separating the local junior B team from the playoffs.

"We had some ups and downs," said Shields describing the first half of the season. "There were a few let downs leading up to the Christmas break, but we have been playing .500 hockey."

"All in all, it was a good start to the season."

The Colts currently are poised to make the playoffs, even though there are many games left on the schedule. The Colts sit in fourth place in the South Division behind Okotoks, Airdrie and Drumheller, but hold a huge lead in points over Cochrane and Banff.

However the Colts will still treat the rest of the season as if they were fighting for a play-off spot and that every point was extremely valuable.

"We want to win all of the important games," said Shields. "We want to beat all of the teams we should beat. And then we want to be competitive with the teams we haven't beat so far," he said listing off teams like Red Deer, Airdrie and Okotoks. "Those are the teams we are going to see in the playoffs."

The Colts will get their chance to make an impact on one of the elite teams of the league this weekend as they meet Bisons in Okotoks Friday night.

They will get a break for the rest of the weekend on Saturday night as the All-Star Game is played in Lacombe Saturday night. Representing the Colts at the game are Greg McMullan, Kenny Swanson, Ashley Lesyk and Adam Anderson.



Despite having many chances to score and carrying a one-goal lead into the last five minutes of the hockey game, the Mountain View Colts lost their Saturday night home game to the West Country Stars 3-2 in overtime. The junior 'B' team received one point for their efforts but added two more on Sunday night as they defeated the Raptors in Drumheller by a 6-4 margin. The Colts will play one game next weekend in Okotoks.

## Midget team trounces Chestermere 8-2 at home

by Marianne Dawson

The Didsbury Midgets are now playing at an A-2 level, they were at a B-2 level at the start of the season.

At the B-2 level they were playing very well and they were beating all the other teams, with blowout scores, so they got realigned and, now they must work a lot harder.

December 16 Sikika came to town to play against our Midgets. What a game! Unfortunately, Didsbury lost this round with a score of 13 - 6.

This game was certainly an eye opener for the boys as they came to realize they have to work a little harder at this level.

Murphy scored two times, one for Warren, Black, Williams, Clazie. Assists go-

ing to, Christensen, Manti, Williams, Spreeman, Murphy, Hunsperger, Jensen, and Miko.

December 23 brought Chestermere here to town for a great game.

Our Midgets played a strong game, and came out on top - they won 8 - 2. Williams, Manti, and Murphy each scoring twice, and one for Archer and Kletzel. Assists going to Hunsperger, Murphy, Christensen, Archer, Kletzel, Jensen and Williams.

December 29 the Didsbury Midgets headed to Sikika, for an early afternoon game. Our boys came out strong and played hard the whole game.

The result was a win for Didsbury, the final score was 8 - 6.

Murphy had a hat trick,

two goals for Christensen, on for Kletzel, Hunsperger and Williams. Assists were had by Hunsperger, Kletzel, Christensen, Williams and Miko.

December 30, Didsbury played against Okotoks, here on home ice.

The game started out hard and fast. Didsbury scored twice in the first, but it wasn't enough to keep ahead.

Okotoks took the lead in the first and held on to it with a win of 11 - 6. Kletzel scored twice, one for Konschuh, Christensen, Archer, and Murphy. Kletzel and Archer each had a hat trick in assists, one for Murphy, two for Warren.

January 6 brought Okotoks back to Didsbury for the second round, but this time our

Midgets showed up to play, and this they did with a big win of 11 - 3.

This was a great game, not just because they won, but they showed much team work. It was an exciting game. Christensen who was in net played great, stopping many, many shots. Murphy scored a hat trick, two goals for Archer, one each for Jensen, Clazie,

Warren, Spreeman, Christensen, and Kletzel.

Two assists for Clazie, Jensen, Christensen, Miko and Murphy. Three for Kletzel, one for Archer.

We sure hope to see more games like that. As we feel that the Didsbury Midgets are a very strong team and could go all the way if they work hard.



### Colts Hockey

The next home game of the Mountain View Colts will be on Jan. 20 at 8 p.m., when they take on Stettler at the Didsbury Arena.

# Who Let the Dogs Out? - It was Santa Claus

On December 23 Santa dropped into the Didsbury Arena for a pre-game dressing room visit with the Ice Dogs. Santa really pumped the dogs up, and the visiting team from Cremona felt the effects. Sporting a new look the dogs were flying... final score 9 - 2 for Didsbury.

The holidays were short for this team, as they hit the ice on December 27th at the Carstairs Novice Tournament. Game one was against Carstairs, with both teams working hard with lots of action. Will Hadway was all over the ice, grabbing his own rebounds and getting back in the play. Didsbury was awarded their first victory of the tournament.

Game two was against Olds #4, who had beaten the Ice Dogs in November. With Justin Gebers between the pipes, Olds fired away at him but he robbed them with his glove hand and took away any rebound chances. With the help of his teammates, Didsbury fought hard to come out with their second win of the day against a tough team.

Game three found the two Didsbury teams at centre ice. Parents from both teams were proud of the level of hockey before them, as the action was back and forth and intense. Tanner Watt broke through the defensive wall and was rewarded with some great scoring chances. Chelsea Overwater was unbeatable on the

blue line, breaking up several two on ones. The Ice Dogs pulled their goalie in hope of a last minute tie, but the other team got an empty net goal to seal the win. Great action!

The Ice Dogs showed up the next day feeling the effects of three hard games the day before. After a slow start they came alive to claim a 12 - 2 win over Calgary and the "B Final" title. Mac Southgate was on fire today, making some great moves on their defence and passing the puck like the pros. Braden Overwater was a thorn for the opposition, taking the puck away from them and setting up some great goals.

The New Year started with a tournament in Cremona. Game one was against the Airdrie Lightning, with Cody Krebs skating hard and thinking fast, playing one of his best games of the year. Zach McCargar, a team leader, dazzled the crowd with his end to end rushes and back checking. Final score was 8-4 for Didsbury.

Game two was against the Airdrie Mustangs with Didsbury coming out victors at 12-4. First year player Dayle Kimmel looked like a veteran with her great skating and hard work in the defensive zone. Alex Hutcheon was unstoppable on offense, taking rebounds and putting them in the net with ease.



The Didsbury Ice Dogs posed with Santa for a picture. The team has been on fire as of late and recently won the 'B' event at Carstairs Novice tournament.

With two wins, the Ice Dogs had reservations in the A Final on Sunday.

Sylvan Lake arrived confident for game three of the tournament. The Ice Dogs decided this would be a great time to put it all together — every player worked hard, played their position and did the job the

coaches asked. Branton Olfert had his eye on the championship trophy and he was flying around making sure that Sylvan Lake had no good scoring chances when he was on the ice. A solid defensive pair, Colby Wenckowski and Jason Edwards played tough on the blue line and took turns rushing the puck to get

their names on the game sheet several times. Ice Dogs were awarded the A Final Championship with a final score of 11-2.

Congratulations for the four coaches, Brent Youngs, Tom Hadway, Gord Krebs and Don Edwards for taking this team to a new level of play — the best is yet to come!

## Pee Wee "A" hockey team win two on weekend

Strathmore came to town Friday night to face-off against Didsbury Pee Wee "A." Didsbury ruled in the first two periods and prevented all scoring from Strathmore even though they had three power plays which they could have capitalized on. 4 - 0 was the opening score of the 3rd period and Strathmore, hungry to be on the board, popped two goals in within the first three minutes of play. Kyle Reider, unassisted, came back with another for Didsbury. Josh Robertson got the next unassisted goal and Strathmore

fought hard to the end, scoring in the last 40 seconds. Final score was 6 - 3 for Didsbury.

Saturday morning an exhibition game was played in Chestermere. Even though it was a big loss for the boys, it got them primed for yet another league game against Strathmore at 6:30 p.m.

Strathmore came out stronger in the 1st period this time knowing what to expect and pulled off the first goal. End of the 1st period was 4 - 2 Didsbury. A good back and forth game saw both teams with two

goals in the 2nd period. Everyone played hard and the only goal in the 3rd period was popped in by Kyle Reider, assisted by Robbie Leiper and Lee Stevens.

Great goal-tending for both league games by Kris Jackson and Grant Jensen.

A super weekend of hockey except for Friday night's game when Riley Edwards had the misfortune of breaking his ankle during the game. We are all really sorry Riley, as we all know hockey is your world. Your fans and team-mates will

miss you and wish you a speedy recovery.

Next game is Friday, Janu-

ary 12th in Didsbury at 6:10 p.m. against Drumheller. Come and "scout it out!"

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## Kodiaks Edge Olds Grizzlys

by Barry Williams

It was a fierce battle of the bears.

Treking into Olds on a three game winning streak, the Camrose Kodiaks invaded the Grizzlys den edging the Olds Grizzlys 5-4 in Alberta junior Hockey League action played at the Olds Sportsplex on Friday Jan. 5.

In a robust contest, the Kodiaks took advantage of their power play opportunities connecting for four power play goals and adding an even strength marker, while the Grizzlys managed to dent the twine just once on the power play, a factor in the game.

Two of the power play markers for the Kodiaks, netted by Richard Petiot and Jordan Chomack, came in the opening minutes of the third period on a five minute power play, which broke open a tight 2-1 game.

In the first period, all star defenceman, Dave Erickson was the only player to twinkle the twine giving the Grizzlys a 1-0 edge heading into the second period, while in the second frame Eric Lodge and Doug Auchenberg, on power plays, deposited the puck behind Grizzlys netminder Kris Tebbs giving the Kodiaks a 2-1 advantage after forty minutes of play.

After Grizzlys' Jason Steenbergen and Kodiaks' Taggart Desmet exchanged goals making the score 5-2 for the Kodiaks late in the third period, the Grizzlys struck for two goals with less than two minutes to play as Devin Alfonso

and Tyler Brosz hit the twine, but it was all too late for the hometown squad.

Early in the game the Grizzlys were faced with a seven minute disadvantage, which they successfully eliminated with effective penalty killing.

"We can't expect to kill penalties and win games," said Grizzlys head coach and general manager Brett Cox, indicating the Grizzlys were whistled for selfish uncharacteristic penalties.

Although Cox was satisfied with the effort, he did note the players were too fancy at times trying to make perfect plays, which was difficult to accomplish as the Grizzlys were coming off a two week holiday lay off.

"We have to keep things simple and try to do the job we're capable of without ever extending ourselves," said Cox.

With the trading deadline approaching on Jan. 10, Cox indicated the Grizzlys could possibly be making a couple of deals to strengthen the Olds junior 'A' team for the play off run.

With the win, the Kodiaks moved three points up on the Grizzlys in the battle for first place in the Rogers AT&T Wireless south division standings.

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## OBITUARY

**LAING:** Glen Mathew Laing passed away December 23, at the Innisfail Health Centre. Born at Acme in August 1923, he grew up on the family farm east of Carstairs. He spent a number of years in B.C. working at the Burrard Shipyards, later with Shaw Const. Midnapore and the County of Mountain View. After returning to Alberta he was married to Jean Lamont in 1949, and they farmed west of Carstairs until 1972, when they moved to their present farm east of Innisfail. Glen was predeceased by his son Tommy, brother Edgar, and his parents Tom and Effie Laing. He is survived by his wife, Jean; three sisters, Elsie Stewart, Grace (Ossie) Guhen, Alta (Don) Loewen; one brother, Robert; and nephews and nieces. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**LEVAGOOD:** Richard (Dick) Levagood passed away on December 19, 2000 at the Didsbury Health Care Centre. He entered the arms of Jesus after a battle with cancer at the age of 54 years. He was born and baptized on February 3, 1946 in Didsbury. Dick was confirmed by Pastor E. B. Fox on May 29, 1960 at Redeemer Lutheran Church and received his education at Clovermount and Didsbury. On November 4, 1967 Dick married Glenda Wood and to this union two sons were born. He and his second wife, Dianna Lorraine Taylor, were married on May 21, 1982. Dick held various jobs, including working for Burr Tuggle, Revelstoke, Reimer's, County of Mountain View, Canadian Superior Oil and Shell Canada Ltd. Dick retired on August 1, 1996 from Shell Canada Ltd. after 28 years of service. He held various assignments with Shell Canada, including Exploration, Seismic, Operations at Innisfail/Olds/Harmattan/Crossfield, Facilities Construction, Logistics, Transportation and Logistics - DAR. He purchased the family farm in 1974 and lived there until his death. One of his greatest loves was farm life and raising cattle. Retirement allowed him and Di to time to go fishing, go to rodeos and to spend a couple of winters in Texas. He was a faithful member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Didsbury, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Calgary, and Morning Star Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carstairs. Being blessed with leadership skills, he served as President of all three congregations. He touched the lives of countless people with his sense of humour, quick wit and his ability to express his love for the Lord. Dick leaves to mourn his loving wife, Dianna; two sons, Mark of Calgary; Jason (Gina) of Olds; two step-children, Wendy Taylor and Michael Taylor of Olds; four grandsons, Jordan, Joseph, Tyson and Shayan; two step-grandchildren, Cory and Lauren; brother, Ron (Irene) of Taber; sister, Jean (Steve) Kiel of Seymour, Indiana; sister, Lorna (Harry) Reese of Didsbury; four aunts, two uncles and numerous nieces and nephews. Dick was predeceased by his parents Delbert and Ella and one nephew. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 23, 2000 from the Morning Star Lutheran Church in Carstairs with Pastor Jonathan Schultz officiating. Interment followed from the Didsbury Cemetery. Memorial tributes may be made directly to the Tom Baker Cancer Centre or Didsbury Home Care Unit. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury, entrusted with arrangements.

**KONSCHUH:** Katherine Konschuh (nee Gorr) of Olds passed away on December 31, 2000 after a brief illness. Born on April 17, 1915 in Calgary, Alberta, Katie married Albert Konschuh on December 15, 1934. They farmed in the Westcott district and raised five children. Her husband Albert and two children, Shirley and Harvey, predeceased her. She remained on the farm until 1978 at which time she moved to Olds. Katie is survived by her children, Lorraine (Bill) Pollock; Stan (Sarah) Konschuh; Charlene (Robin) Weltz; grandchildren, Terry Watson, Brenda Simard, Deborah Bassett, Darryl Pollock, Ryan Konschuh, Grant Konschuh, Mark Konschuh, Dean Weltz and great-grandchildren, Christopher Simard, Deanna Simard, Kaylyn Bassett, Leanne Watson, Kelsey Bassett and Shayna Watson. A private graveside service was held on January 3, 2001 from the Didsbury Cemetery with pallbearers: Bill Pollock, Dan Bassett, Robin Weltz, Ryan Konschuh, Grant Konschuh and Mark Konschuh. Memorial tributes may be made directly to the Alberta Lung Association or S.T.A.R.S. Air Ambulance. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Olds, entrusted with arrangements.

## OBITUARY

**CHAFFIN:** Frank Chaffin died peacefully in his sleep Friday, December 15, 2000, in Victoria, B.C. at the age of 61. Known for his passion for fishing and his infectious laugh, Frank is survived by his brother, George and sister-in-law Carole of Calgary, his aunt and uncle Bessie and Cliff Ekstrand of Didsbury, Alberta, aunt Helen Klink of Didsbury, nephews Richard and Roger Chaffin of Calgary, and niece Alanna Chaffin of Los Angeles, California. A special thanks to all those who provided care for Frank over the years, you made a difference in his life. God Bless.

## CARDS OF THANKS

A heartfelt thanks to all, for your prayers, calls, cards, flowers and gifts of food in the loss of a special angel, Ester.

From Wayne, Wanda & Family

The Nelson family would like to thank everyone for their kindness when Bruce lost his short battle with cancer. A special thank you to Tom Krahn for his tribute to Bruce's life, Norma Burns our organist, Pastor Lentz for his comforting service and Ken Sherrick for his efficiency. The pallbearers: Didsbury Elks, Ronald Blain, Sam Jackson, Glen Kershaw, West Stringer, Norman Erickson, and Klaus Reimer for their help. A special thank you to the Westerdale Community Association for their help at the cemetery and the lovely lunch. There are no words to express our gratitude to everyone. Vera & Family

A special thank you to Dr. Wray and staff at the Olds Hospital, Dr. Bathe and staff at the Calgary Foothills, for their care of Bruce Nelson during his short battle with cancer. The Nelson Family

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**WANTED: CHILDCARE**  
Provider to come into our home for two school age and two preschool children. Own transportation and references required. Phone Brenda at 335-4765 39-12

## 10 COMING EVENTS

**FRIENDS AND** relatives of Helen Weber are invited to an Open House in honour of her 80th birthday. Saturday, January 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Kiwanis Manor, 5314 - 50 Stret, Olds, Alberta 38-11

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## 13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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## BUSDRIVERS

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For information on Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73, please check our website at [www.chinookedge.ab.ca](http://www.chinookedge.ab.ca). Applications will be accepted until 12:00 Noon, Friday, January 19, 2001. The successful applicants will be required to provide a criminal record check. While we thank all applicants for their interest, only those individuals selected for interviews will be contacted. Resumes of applicants not granted an interview will not be kept on file. 39-12

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If you would like to apply for this position, please forward your resume, quoting competition #00/134-01D, to: Manager, Long Term Care, Olds Hospital and Care Centre, 3901 - 57 Avenue, Olds, Alberta T4H 1T4. Fax: (403) 556-2199. E-mail: dthrh1@rtinc.com

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Applicants are thanked in advance for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

## Booze, recklessness blamed for snowmobile deaths in Canada

Ottawa January 5, 2001- Along with this year's snowy winter has come an alarming number of snowmobile deaths. According to the Canada Safety Council about 95 Canadians die every year in snowmobile incidents. But the Council fears this already-high toll may rise in 2001.

"About three-quarters of snowmobile mishaps involve alcohol," says Emile Therien, president of the Canada Safety Council. "Seventy-three per cent occur between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Drowning and hypothermia are the leading causes of death. The 15 to 24 age group has the most deaths

and injuries."

Snowmobiling - now a multi-billion dollar a year industry in North America - continues to grow in popularity. Canada has about 660,000 registered snowmobiles. They cover a total of 1.65 billion km over the winter months. Eighty per cent of that riding is on maintained club trails. Off-trail riding represents only 20 per cent of the riding but 80 per cent of the fatalities.

Therien believes these deaths are highly preventable. While most riders are responsible the profile of high risk riders is known and tend to be thrill seekers.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EVENTS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DIDSBURY

**Didsbury Historical Society**  
Didsbury and District Historical Society Annual General Meeting will be held on January 17, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum.

### New Years Party

Welcoming in the New Year, the Mountain View Christian Women's Club is sponsoring a 2001 Extravaganza at the Didsbury Memorial Complex in the Multi Purpose Room on Tuesday, January 16, 2001 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person. For reservations or rides, please call Nancy at 337-3200 or Margie 335-3765.

### DIDSBURY

**Recreation & Facility Services**  
Standard First Aid Course: Jan. 21-22, at 8:30 to 5 p.m. at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre. Cost is \$85. Tae-Box Classes: Tues. & Thurs. from 8 to 9 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Cost is \$30/month or \$5 drop-in.

### ROSEBUD Coffee Party

Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party, Wednesday, January 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Joyce Mullen.

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## ONGOING EVENTS

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#### CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings at Carstairs Church of God. For info call Jean 637-3753, Darlene 946-4369 or Natalie 337-2351.

### DIDSBURY

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting-Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265 RSVP

#### DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info, call Jean at the Town Office at 335-3391

### TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: Open Tuesdays and the first and third Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Linda at 337-5868.

#### AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

#### TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. We meet Monday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (excluding holidays). Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-2388

#### KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

#### O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

### DIDSBURY

#### SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

#### RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

#### CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

#### DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

Non-profit, social & educational program for children 3-5 years is accepting registrations. Register now for September and save \$10 off registration fee. Call Cherrie at 335-8039.

#### LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

#### PRESCHOOL

A non-profit, parent run, social and educational program for children 3-5 years is now accepting on-going registrations. Drop-off rates available. Call 335-8039 or 335-8818.

#### INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

#### BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

#### OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

#### HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at West Glen from 6:30-8 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

#### AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday. For more info call 335-3146 or 335-9787.

#### BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

### DIDSBURY

#### SUPPORT GROUP

ADD /ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sheree 335-8612.

#### GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday night meetings have been suspended until September, due to the summer break.

#### HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury and District Association is a locally run non-profit society attempting to co-ordinate volunteer or fee for service assistance. Call 335-4391.

#### LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. Meet on last Tuesday of the month in lower level conference room in Physiotherapy Unit of Hospital. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

#### LONE PINE

#### T.O.P.S

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

#### OLDS

#### MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

#### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Olds College, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Malissa at 556-8520.

#### SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month. For time and place, contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

#### SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

#### ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

#### AL-ANON

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